

Amendments to the claims

1-16 (canceled)

17. (Currently amended) A tongue cleaning device that is used for removing debris from a tongue; the device comprising:

a body having a handle and head;

the head having a scraping wall defining a working edge adapted to be moved over the tongue; the scraping wall having a front surface facing in the direction of the handle of the body; and

the head of the body defining a debris retention recess adapted to collect debris as it is removed from the tongue by the working edge; the debris retention recess being a depression defined in the front surface of the scraping wall.

18. (Original) The device of claim 17, wherein the debris retention recess is adjacent the working edge.

19. (Original) The device of claim 18, wherein the debris retention recess is a curved depression defined by the head of the body.

20. (Currently amended) The device of claim 17, wherein the working edge is concave with respect to the tongue; the scraping wall having a middle and a pair of edges; the scraping wall having a first height at the edges and a second height at the middle; the first height being larger than the second height to define the concave working edge.

21. (Canceled)

22. (Previously presented) The device of claim 17, wherein the body is fabricated from titanium.

23. (Currently amended) A head for a tongue cleaning device that is used for removing debris from a tongue; the head comprising:

a body having a scraping wall having an upper edge and a lower edge; the lower edge defining a working edge adapted to be moved over the tongue; and

the body defining a debris retention recess adapted to collect debris as it is removed from the tongue by the working edge; the debris retention recess being a depression defined in the scraping wall between the upper and lower edges of the scraping wall.

24. (Previously presented) The device of claim 23, wherein the debris retention recess is adjacent the working edge.

25. (Previously presented) The device of claim 24, wherein the debris retention recess is a curved depression defined by the head of the body.

26. (Currently amended) The device of claim 23, wherein the working edge is concave with respect to the tongue; the scraping wall having a middle and a pair of edges; the scraping wall having a first height at the edges and a second height at the middle; the first height being larger than the second height to define the concave working edge.

27. (Previously presented) The device of claim 23, wherein the body is fabricated from titanium.

28. (Currently amended) A head for a tongue cleaning device that is used for removing debris from a tongue; the head comprising:

a body having a scraping wall defining a working edge adapted to be moved over the tongue; and

the scraping wall of the body defining a debris retention recess adapted to collect debris as it is removed from the tongue by the working edge; the debris

retention recess disposed immediately above the working edge; the debris retention recess being entirely defined by the scraping wall.

29. (Previously presented) The device of claim 28, wherein the debris retention recess is a curved depression defined by the head of the body.

30. (Currently amended) The device of claim 28, wherein the working edge is concave with respect to the tongue; the scraping wall having a middle and a pair of edges; the scraping wall having a first height at the edges and a second height at the middle; the first height being larger than the second height to define the concave working edge.

31. (Previously presented) The device of claim 28, wherein the body is fabricated from titanium.